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COMMUNICATION REGARDING UNINITIALED REFERENCES ON FORM 1449

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Dear Sir:

Applicants are in receipt of a final Office Action mailed from the U.S. Patent Office on March 24, 2004, but have not received notification that all of the references have been considered and/or acknowledged. A Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 citing three references thereon, filed on April 25, 2003, has not been acknowledged. Applicants are requesting the Examiner initial the Form 1449 in the space provided to indicate that these documents have been considered.

Applicants are submitting a courtesy copy of the Supplemental Information Disclosure Statement and Form 1449 filed with the United States Patent and Trademark Office on April 25, 2003, along with the cited prior art. Applicants are also enclosing a copy of the transmittal sheet containing a 1.8 mailing certificate and having a mailing

date of April 25, 2003, cancelled check number 12190 in the amount of \$180.00, and a copy of the return postcard showing a U.S. Patent and Trademark Office date stamp of May 1, 2003, indicating these documents were received.

Applicants' attorney of record states that the above-referenced copies are true copies of the originally mailed correspondence.

It is respectfully requested that the Examiner return a copy of the initialed 1449 to Applicants' representative with the next Office communication.

If a telephone conference would be helpful in resolving any issues concerning this communication, please contact Applicants' attorney of record, Hallie A. Finucane at (952) 253-4134.

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